

2016-2017 School Profile



Peachtree Ridge High School

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"The Standard of Excellence"

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School Type:

Public, 4-Year, comprehensive
high school, AAAAAAA-Region 6



A Unit of

Gwinnett County Public Schools

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Gwinnett County Public Schools holds system accreditation through AdvancED.

About Gwinnett County Public Schools

Envisioning a system of world-class schools... The largest school system in the state and the 13th largest in the nation, Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) is a diverse and growing district in metro Atlanta, serving more than 178,000 students. GCPS is a three-time finalist (2009, 2010, and 2014) and two-time winner (2010 and 2014) of The Broad Prize for Urban Education. The district has 22 high schools, including 19 cluster high schools, a STEM-focused school, an online school, and an open campus high school. Aligned to state-adopted Georgia Standards of Excellence and Georgia Performance Standards, GCPS' rigorous custom curriculum (known as the Academic Knowledge and Skills or AKS) is combined with exceptional teaching and meaningful testing to form a comprehensive instructional program. Highly qualified teachers, involved parents, and a supportive community are key elements in GCPS' quest to become a system of world-class schools preparing students for college and 21st century careers in a globally competitive future.

Graduation and Testing Requirements for the Class of 2017

In order to earn a regular Gwinnett County high school diploma, students in the Class of 2017 must:

- Learn the AKS curriculum in order to pass classes and earn the required course credits/units (*see below*);
- Pass Gwinnett's High School Gateway Writing Assessment, which is administered in the 10th grade (*some accelerated students may take this test in 9th grade*);
- Participate in state-mandated End of Course (EOC) assessments for designated courses in core areas.

To graduate, Georgia students must earn a minimum of 23 credits (also called units) in required areas of study. Students earn .5 units per class each semester. (Students on block schedule earn a full credit per class each semester.)

Areas of Study	Required Units
English/Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3
Modern/Classical Language and/or Career and Technical Education and/or Fine Arts	3
Health and Physical Education	1
Electives	<u>4</u>
Total Units (minimum)	23

Please see other side for specifics on demographics, grading, curriculum, and more.

About Peachtree Ridge High School

Peachtree Ridge High School is located in Suwanee, Georgia and first opened its doors in August of 2003. Our vision is that PRHS will be the standard of excellence as a learning community, committed to effective instruction that prepares students for success in a dynamic global environment. In 2016 PRHS was one of five high schools in the state to receive the first AP Champion Award from the Georgia Department of Education and College Board. PRHS has been named an Advanced Placement Honor School for AP Merit the last seven years and was named an AP STEM Achievement School for the fifth consecutive year. In 2015 PRHS became one of the first high schools to earn AdvancED STEM certification. Also, Newsweek magazine and US News & World Report have previously named PRHS as one of America's top high schools. The PRHS Counseling Department was recognized by the American School Counselor Association as a RAMP award recipient in 2011 and 2014. The school operates on a block schedule where students take 4 courses each semester and earn 8 full credits per year.

Instructional Hours

Two semesters of 18 weeks each for a total of 180 instructional days. Four classes meet daily. School calendar runs August to May.

School Enrollment and Demographics

- **Current total enrollment:** 3271, including 764 seniors
- **Demographics:** 25% White, 25% Asian, 28% African American, 18% Hispanic, 4% Multiracial

Class Rank/Numeric Average

Grade Point Average (GPA) is computed at the end of each semester, including all attempted high school courses. This GPA is calculated on a 100-point scale. All courses are weighted equally. All students are ranked within grade levels at the end of each semester, based on numerical cumulative averages. Advanced Placement (AP) courses reflect an additional 10 points, which is included in the final numerical grade for the semester. No additional weight is given to gifted or honors coursework. Honor graduates have earned a 90% or higher cumulative average that includes all attempted high school courses.

GCPS' Grading Scale (adopted 7/99)

Cumulative GPA value

A = 90% and Above	4.0
B = 80%–89%	3.0
C = 74%–79%	2.0
D = 70%–73%	1.0
F = Below 70%	0.0

Curriculum Offerings

Advanced Placement (AP), Gifted, Honors (Pre-AP), and College Preparatory classes are available in each academic area— language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and modern/classical languages. The school also offers a full complement of classes in health and PE, the fine arts, and career and technical education. AP classes are college-level classes. Gifted classes are rigorous, exceeding grade-level norms. Honors classes are demanding, often exceeding grade-level norms. College prep classes reflect the grade-level norm. Technology permeates a GCPS education, and students develop key 21st century skills as critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers, and effective communicators.

Test Scores—Class of 2016

SAT scores are unavailable at this time.

		School	GCPS	GA	U.S.
SAT	Critical Reading	520	502	493	494
	Math	539	515	490	508
	Writing	513	486	476	482
	Combined	1572	1503	1459	1484
ACT	English	22.7	21.6	20.7	20.1
	Math	22.8	22.5	20.6	20.6
	Reading	23.8	22.5	21.8	21.3
	Science	22.8	22.2	21.0	20.8
	Composite	23.1	22.3	21.1	20.8

Advanced Placement

Available college-level AP courses include English Literature, English Language, Statistics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics C, Environmental Science, Human Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, European History, Macroeconomics, Comparative Government, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, French Language, German Language, Latin Literature, Chinese Language, Art History, Studio Art, Computer Science, Computer Science Principles, and Seminar.

During 2015-2016, 1,107 students completed AP exams for a total of 2,113 exams taken. 80% received a 3 +.

Class of 2016 Statistics

- **Number of Graduates:** 757
- **Honor Graduates:** 259 • **Dual Enrollment:** 26
- **Postsecondary Plans:** 79%, 4-year college; 5%, 2-year college; 5%, technical school; 3%, military; 9%, employment or other plans
- **Scholarships Offered:** \$10.7 million, excluding HOPE

Other 2015-2016 Honors

- 5 National Merit Scholarship Finalists
- 172 AP Scholars, 78 AP Scholars with Honors, 159 AP Scholars with Distinction, 25 National AP Scholars